

Methodists Enthusiastic Over  
Keystone of School System  
VISITED ALMA MATER  
Delegates to Conference Make  
Trip to Ashland and College.  
PROCEEDINGS OF ASSEMBLY  
Very Interesting and Remarkable Ad-  
dress on China Delivered by Dr.  
Reid—Committee Considering  
Relations of the Christian  
Advocate to the C-Inter-  
ence—Other Notes.

On Witness Stand All Day at  
Scranton.  
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State—Features of the  
Day.

HANDSOME STORE AT  
EIGHTH AND MAIN  
Whitlock Estate Greatly to Im-  
prove This Corner.  
A SCORE OF THOUSANDS  
This Will Be Cost of the Three-story  
Brick Structure, Future Home of  
Galeski Optical Company—Buys  
Hogs Residence Site.

President's Good Luck Has  
Deserted Him.  
ONE LEAN BRUIN SLAIN  
Negro Guide Killed Him While the  
President Was at Lunch.  
PARTY HAD EXCITING CHASE  
Had the Mighty Hunter Remained  
Where Collier Stationed Him He  
Would Have Had a Chance  
to Use His Winchester.  
The Bear Fought Hard  
for His Life.

Contests at Charlottesville  
and Norfolk Will Be  
Watched With Special In-  
terest in View of the  
Thanksgiving Battle to  
Take Place Here.

Yale and Princeton Will  
Meet at New York—Harry  
Beecher Says Elevers Are  
Pretty Evenly Matched,  
but "Old Eli" Has the  
Strongest Offense.

Report of the Commission  
the Feature Yesterday.  
INTERESTS OF SCHOOLS  
Earnest Study Given to Their  
Advancement and Progress.  
PRESENTED TO J. T. ELLYSON  
His Many Years' Connection With the  
Educational Work of the Church  
Receives Very Highly Ap-  
preciated Recognition—Discus-  
sion Over Admission of  
Women to Associa'n

Randolph-Macon College developed and  
placed upon a footing with that of any  
other institution of similar scope and pre-  
stige in the country, was the theme  
yesterday afternoon of a distinguished as-  
semblage upon the grounds of the col-  
lege at Ashland.  
For the first time in many years the  
Virginia Conference was on a visit to the  
institution which heads its system of  
schools, and the interest in the occasion  
was the little. A special train of seven  
or eight coaches conveyed the body from  
Richmond to the little town, upon reach-  
ing which a great meeting was at once  
held in the college chapel. The place was  
crowded to suffocation. On the way up  
every coach was packed, and not a few  
ladies being along, and at Ashland the  
crowd was joined by many others.  
Among the speakers at the meeting  
were Bishop J. C. Granberry, Bishop W.  
W. Duncan, President R. E. Blackwell,  
of Randolph-Macon; the Rev. W. B.  
Beauchamp, of Broad Street, and Mr.  
John P. Branch, of this city. While all  
the addresses were fine, Bishop Duncan  
made a particularly happy speech. The  
topic discussed was the development  
of the college to be made possible by en-  
dowed endowment. Time and again it  
was said that the offer of Mr. Branch  
to give \$10,000, provided twice as much  
as any other offer, and it was much  
discussed. The speaker, who was much  
cheered by the combined efforts of preachers  
and laymen, the latter in making contribu-  
tions, the former in exhorting them to do so.  
Frequently also, it was said, that all  
their work was for nothing, and that the  
college, or helping to do so, until the at-  
tendance has doubled or tripled or quad-  
rupled what it is now.  
The students took a goodly part in the  
meeting with college yells and songs, and  
when the party started to leave, the  
faculty did speed off on the train, they  
were it a rousing send-off along the old  
lines. During the time the conference  
was there, the members of the senior  
class showed the ministers, the majority  
of whom are alumni of the college, the  
places of the old familiar haunts, explain-  
ing to them the recent improvements.  
Some little interest was taken in foot-  
ball, which Bishop Duncan said, in joking  
with the boys, he did not approve particu-  
larly. Many of the ministers became  
terribly involved in the subject of the  
game and never could make out which  
was which and who was who on the  
sidelines.  
THE SESSIONS YESTERDAY.  
The session of the conference yester-  
day was of considerable interest, but  
was not distinguished with one particu-  
lar feature except the address of the  
Bishop to the young ministers admitted  
into the full connection. Last night the  
annual own meeting of the Board of  
Missions was held. Dr. C. F. Reid, of  
Korea, delivered a truly remarkable ad-  
dress on China. Dr. Reid was for seven-  
teen years a missionary in the East of  
Europe and he knows whereof he speaks.  
The reference to the Japanese was of  
particular interest.  
Up to this time there have been no  
particular developments in connection  
with the conference. The fate of the  
movement for more districts is soiled.  
It was learned yesterday that the Col-  
lege has practically decided to retain the  
present system. The matter of transfer  
has, as yet, produced nothing. It is said  
the presiding elders are against the  
transfer scheme and are advising that  
outside ministers be not brought in and  
given prominent charges. Dr. Smart,  
late of St. Louis, who is almost certain  
to be transferred, has been asked to  
the principle involved, is not yet at con-  
ference, and probably will not be here  
at all.  
THE ADVOCATE MATTER.  
Committee members are growing in in-  
terest and it is more than likely there  
will be some reports to attract lively dis-  
cussion.

Indications point to an exceptionally in-  
teresting report from the Committee on  
Publishing Interests. At two meetings  
held yesterday important matters were  
considered. Another session will be held  
today, and on Monday more time will  
probably be in shape for presentation.  
One of the questions said to be before  
the committee is that of the relation of  
the Christian Advocate to this city, to  
the conference, the labor organizations,  
the organ of the body for some time, and  
there are various reports to the effect  
that important considerations are being  
made in connection with it. Just what  
direction the matter will take remains to  
be seen from the report of the commit-  
tee.  
There is also said to be a disposition  
upon the part of some of the members  
of the committee to make a change in  
connection with the publishing agency.  
Rev. Robert M. Hope, the present edi-  
tor, is one of the editors of the Advoca-  
te, and his time is necessarily given  
mostly to the paper. Hence it is said that  
a change in the direction of securing a  
new editor and devoting more time to the  
work would be deemed advisable. Mr.  
Frank Talbot, of Danville, chairman of  
the committee, was asked about the mat-  
ter last night and said no decision had  
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MITCHELL UNDER  
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(By Associated Press.)  
SCRANTON, Pa., November 14.—The  
anthracite coal strike commission, ap-  
pointed by President Roosevelt to arbi-  
trate the differences between the mine  
owners of the hard coal mines of Pennsylv-  
ania and their employees, to-day began  
hearing the testimony by which it will  
determine whether the workmen are re-  
ceiving fair and just wages for their  
labor and whether their conditions should  
not be improved.  
The star witness to-day, President Mit-  
chell, of the miners' union, took the stand  
this morning, and the hearing adjourned  
while he was still under fire of cross-  
examination by David Wilcox, general  
counsel of the Delaware and Hudson Com-  
pany. It was a trying day for the miners'  
leader, but he seemed to stand the test  
well. The heaviest fire of cross-questions  
was aimed at him late in the session,  
and when the hour of adjournment was  
reached Mr. Wilcox was still propounding  
questions and testing Mr. Mitchell's  
memory.  
ARRAY OF LAWYERS.  
The opening of the session was a no-  
table day in the anthracite region. Such  
an array of lawyers had never been seen  
in this part of the State, and it is doubt-  
ful whether the attorneys have ever been  
so numerous on one side of a case in this  
State as were present in the interests of  
the coal companies to-day. The sessions  
are being held in the beautiful room of  
the Pennsylvania Superior Court, which  
is one of the finest in the State. Ranged  
around three tables in front of the seven  
commissioners, who occupied the judge's  
bench, were no less than thirty lawyers,  
twenty-four of whom were looking after  
the interests of the mine owners.  
In addition to these there was a large  
number of members of the bar present  
who came merely to look on. The court-  
room at both sessions was packed almost  
to suffocation, and scores of persons were  
unable to gain admittance. Only one of  
the heads of the large coal companies,  
Chairman Thomas, of the Erie, was pres-  
ent. There were among the spectators  
quite a large number of general superin-  
tendents of the mines.  
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SOME THINGS THE  
LABOR PEOPLE ASK  
Among Them Pensions for Cer-  
tain Persons Over Sixty  
Years of Age.  
(By Associated Press.)  
NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 14.—Another  
day was devoted by the American Fed-  
eration of Labor to work preparatory  
to the actual duties of the convention.  
The reports of the committees and resolu-  
tions took up all of both sessions. No  
action was taken on any of the resolu-  
tions. The following are the resolutions  
of chief interest:  
That the United States government be  
asked to return to Porto Rico those peo-  
ple who were induced to leave that is-  
land for Hawaii under false promises of  
bettering industrial conditions.  
That any man who shall have reached  
the age of sixty years who has a natu-  
ralized citizen and has lived twenty-one  
years in this country, and whose average  
annual income has been less than \$100  
per annum, be given a life pension of  
\$12 per annum.  
That all applicants for charters in the  
American Federation of Labor shall  
give clear and sharp definition of trade  
lines in order to prevent conflicting  
claims of jurisdiction.  
That the national headquarters be re-  
moved from Washington to Denver.  
That a protest be made against the  
ship subsidy bill, as it is calculated to  
extend over the sea the same monopoly  
held by the railroads on land.  
That the Federation encourage the  
development of a naturalized body of  
American seamen.  
That protest be made against the fore-  
bidding of deserting seamen from  
private vessels; no allusion is made to  
ships of war.  
That the Federation protest against  
the construction of either the Panama  
canal, as the country must  
either acquire more territory or encroach  
upon the liberties of the Latin-American  
States.  
That the Federation protest against the  
harsh treatment given labor organizers  
in Porto Rico under the Spanish laws  
of the island.  
That the 2,000 employees of the National  
Bureau of Engraving and Printing be  
unionized.  
For the recognition of the present prin-  
ciples of international socialism.

GEN. MOLINUEX MAY BE  
PARTIALLY REIMBURSED  
(Special Dispatch to The Times.)  
NEW YORK, Nov. 14.—It was rumored  
to-day that an attempt may be made  
in the near future to introduce a bill  
into the legislature with a view of par-  
tially reimbursing General Molinoux for  
the enormous expense he has incurred for  
the defense of his son, Roland B. Mol-  
noux.

SALES OF REAL ESTATE.  
The site of the residence for many  
years of Dr. Moses D. Hoge has been  
purchased from Mr. S. H. Hayes by the  
Virginia State Insurance Company as an  
investment. The price was regarded as  
an inducement, and the company gave  
it. This was \$10,000. It is possible that  
the company may erect a home for itself  
here. The matter has been thought of,  
but not determined. The splendid room  
now occupied by the company is a costly  
one to rent. But as said before, the  
property was purchased as an investment.  
If an opportunity comes for realization  
it is mighty apt to go.  
Mrs. Fred W. Scott, who was recently  
given the handsome lot adjoining the  
Ginter residence on West Franklin Street,  
near Afton, Mr. C. D. Landon, made  
the purchase of this valuable place on  
last Saturday, representing Mrs. Scott.  
The farm, stock, household furnishings,  
etc., were sold to satisfy claims against  
the property.

PRESIDENT OF FRANCE  
MAY VISIT AMERICA  
(Special Cablegram to The Times.)  
PARIS, Nov. 14.—It is semi-officially  
announced to-day that it is not improb-  
able that President Loubet will make  
an official visit to the St. Louis exhibi-  
tion in 1904.

CHARTER RIGHT  
UNDER QUESTION  
Clubs May Not Be Able to Sell  
or Dispense Drinks on  
Sunday.  
When the appeal case of the Sixth Vir-  
ginia Club comes up in the Hustings  
Court at the December term, an interest-  
ing question will be brought out.  
The point will be raised that even a  
chartered club cannot sell or dispense  
liquor to its members or anyone else on  
Sunday.  
If the question is so decided, it will  
have a far-reaching effect, and will  
embarrass in the finding all clubs, includ-  
ing the Commonwealth, the Westmoreland,  
the Virginia, and other clubs of similar  
importance.  
The statutes and ordinances both will  
be invoked to sustain the point. The for-  
mer declare that liquor may not be sold  
in any bar room or other place on Sun-  
day, and the latter say that all bar-  
rooms or other places where liquor is dis-  
pensed shall be closed on Sunday.  
These two laws will be quoted to sus-  
tain the contention, and it is believed that  
the court will sustain the point on either  
law.  
At present there are many clubs in the  
city with a membership embracing many  
persons who joined simply to have a  
quiet place on Sunday where they could  
get a drink without infringing on the  
laws. It is a well known fact that all  
the big clubs dispense liquor on Sundays  
to their members.  
Should the point referred to above be  
sustained, many of the clubs will go out  
of business.  
Recently, in granting charters to so-  
called social clubs, Judge Minor and  
Judge Wellford have inserted a clause  
prohibiting the sale or dispensing of in-  
toxicating liquors on Sunday. This has  
had the effect of curtailing the number  
of applications for charters for social  
clubs.  
The Sixth Virginia Club case will be  
heard next month.

BEHIND THE SCENES  
OF THE GREAT FOOT-BALL GAMES  
WILL BE PLAYED TO-DAY  
There will be played on Virginia soil  
today two foot-ball games of the widest  
interest, in that comparison after their  
results are known will enable the gridiron  
enthusiast and foot-ball authorities to  
draw a line on the teams of the Univer-  
sity of Virginia and the University of  
North Carolina, which are scheduled for  
the Thanksgiving Day game in Richmond,  
to be decided as in former years the  
championship of the South.  
These games are between Virginia and  
V. P. I. at Charlottesville, and North  
Carolina and Georgetown at Norfolk. A  
score the Georgetown eleven. To-day  
North Carolina gets a chance at the van-  
quished aggregation, while Virginia goes  
up against the stiffer proposition in the  
eleven from Blacksburg.  
AWAITING THE RESULT.  
Foot-ball authorities are waiting anx-  
iously to see what Virginia will do for  
V. P. I. and what the Tar Heels will ac-  
complish against the Georgetown line-up  
before they will be willing to prognos-  
ticate as to what will happen here on the  
27th.  
From Richmond a crowd will go up to  
Charlottesville, leaving here on the 10:30  
train over the Chesapeake and Ohio and  
arriving at the University in good time  
to see the game. On the side lines the  
Norfolk to-day the city will be repre-  
sented by a dozen or more persons who  
went down to witness the struggle  
there.  
Many consider this will be the pret-  
tiest game played in Virginia this sea-  
son, and, furthermore, they are anxious  
to see North Carolina, on the side lines  
fore they doubtless have a superior view  
of the faces of Virginia backers here on  
Thanksgiving.  
Very little is known here regarding the  
personnel of the Tacheel eleven, and again  
this is cause for interest in the Norfolk  
game.

FIGHT TO THE FINISH.  
At Virginia a battle royal will be  
fought, and fought to a finish.  
For six years V. P. I. has trained each  
season with the one aim in view and  
that being to beat the University of Vir-  
ginia playing foot-ball, but each year  
they have gone down before the Orange  
V until there is almost a superstition  
that the great yellow letter which adorns  
the chest of the "Varsity" player.  
Last year V. P. I. thought her chance  
had come to win when Virginia traveled  
to Blacksburg to play her on home  
ground, but again the chest went down.  
This year Blacksburg evidently has the  
greatest team in her history, while there  
is an uncertainty about the strength of  
the "Varsity," which will have to be  
wiped out to-day or she will go down in  
ignominious defeat.  
No greater calamity, in the opinion of  
alumni and students, could befall the  
Varsity than a defeat at the hands of  
the cadets to-day, and for that reason  
the struggle will be to the death.  
VIRGINIA'S DEFEAT.  
Since Virginia's defeat on last Saturday  
at the hands of Lehigh, a wonderful  
change has come over the spirit of the  
team. At no time before have the men  
entered into the game with such zest, and  
in the end the Lehigh defeat will undoubt-  
edly be a blessing, instead of having  
a bad effect. Before the game in Wash-  
ington Virginia had met no team in her  
own class, and the result was that the  
men put too high an estimate on their  
strength by reason of easy victories over  
minor colleges. Now, however, they seem  
to realize that they must work for the  
rest of the games on the schedule, and  
every man is playing with a vim and de-  
termination which makes the working of  
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RICHMOND FIRM  
GETS BIG CONTRACT  
Messrs. Burton and Burton to  
Erect Government Building  
at St. Louis Exposition.  
Richmond builders are ever in the fore-  
front. Yesterday the splendid contract  
for the erection of the government build-  
ing at the St. Louis Exposition was  
awarded to Messrs. W. O. and C. G.  
Burton, of this city.  
The following special telegram came  
from The Times' Washington correspond-  
ent last night bearing the news: "A  
great feather was stuck in the cap of a  
Richmond firm to-day by the Secretary  
of the Treasury when the award for the  
construction of the United States Govern-  
ment building at the St. Louis Ex-  
position was made to W. O. and C. G.  
Burton, of No. 12 Governor Street."  
The contract price is \$238,000, and  
the time limit calls for completion by  
January 1st, 1904.  
"This is a strong showing for Messrs.  
Burton, as there were thirteen competi-  
tors in the bidding."  
Mr. W. O. Burton is now in St. Louis,  
where he has been engaged in making  
estimates on the proposed building. He  
is an expert at this. Mr. Clarence G.  
Burton returned from Washington last  
night, where during the day he signed  
the contract for the work. He stops  
with Mrs. J. R. Gill at the Richmond  
Male Orphan Asylum while in Richmond.  
He married a sister of Mrs. Gill.

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